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Main Street, MACCI mark milestones

Annual Awards banquets celebrate businesses

BY MIKE WARREN
 EDITOR

MARSHFIELD – Both of Marshfield's business and promotional organizations recently celebrated last year's successes while also looking ahead to 2023. Within a week of one another in late January and early February, Main Street Marshfield and the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry held their annual awards and recognition banquets, highlighting new and successful businesses and milestone anniversaries, celebrating their volunteers and handing out some hardware along the way.

Main Street took a look back at 2022, during its annual Downtown Marshfield Awards banquet, held Jan. 26 at Blodgett Haus, known formerly as Penny Court.

Executive Director Kaelie Gomez highlighted new downtown businesses Board & Brush Creative Studio, Dave's Guitar Shop, Northside Cycle, Kailey's Kandles & Company and Silent Crow Antiques, while also recognizing twenty

businesses which celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2022. They included Hefko Floral Company (110 years), The Baltus Oil Company (95), Heinen Printing & Promotional (90), Roger's Cinema (50), Wiggles 'N' Wags (45) and Nutz Deep II (40).

Endless Designs was also recognized statewide, as a winner of the Best Storefront Display Award from Main Street Wisconsin.

Gomez also handed out annual local awards in eleven different categories. Among them, Amy Krogman – who recently retired from City of Marshfield employment – was named Main Street's Downtown Employee of the Year for 2022. Paul Knoff, Sales Director for Bauernfeind Business Technologies, was named the group's Volunteer of the Year, while Kelly Korth of Simplicity Credit Union was honored as Main Street Board Member of the Year. Lyle and Julie Lang received the annual Spirit of Giving award. Kris Leonhardt, Senior Editor for Hub City

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Longtime MACCI colleagues (front row, left to right) Debbie Bauer, Karen Olson and Karen Isaacson were named parade marshals for the 2023 Holiday Parade, during Main Street's annual Downtown Awards banquet, held Jan. 26 at Blodgett Haus. Here, the trio poses with 2021 Parade Marshal Sue Decker (back row).
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The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 from public, private or home schooled classes.

Registration and practice start at noon. A parent or guardian must be present to register their child. The contest begins at 12:30 p.m.

Marshfield police apprehend suspect after high-speed pursuit

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Marshfield police have apprehended a northern Wisconsin man who was wanted on an outstanding warrant, following a high-speed chase through mostly residential areas within the city. The Feb. 8 pursuit, for just a brief distance, reached speeds of 60 miles per hour and covered three miles. The chase stayed mostly in the 45-mile-per-hour range, through areas posted 35 and 25, according to Lead Officer Chris Berg.

Berg added that a 43-year-old Eagle River man attempted to flee from Marshfield officers after a traffic stop was initiated on Veterans Parkway near Vine Avenue at 8:45 a.m. The suspect exited the parkway onto westbound Eighth Street, leading police through residential neighborhoods and a school zone. From Eighth Street, the man headed south on Peach Avenue. A pursuit intervention technique was attempted, which ended the chase after the suspect's vehicle abruptly stopped and got pinned between a patrol vehicle and a snow bank on Peach near 29th Street. The man was taken into custody without further incident, and transported to the Wood County jail in Wisconsin Rapids. A passenger, a 41-year-old Rhinelander man, was also taken into custody, but was later released after further investigation.

The Eagle River man is facing charges of Eluding/Fleeing an Officer, Possession of Methamphetamine, 2nd-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The charges have been forwarded to the Wood County District's Attorney's office.

Marshfield Clinic: Flu rates more than doubled between pre-, post-pandemic seasons

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Marshfield Clinic Research Institute was a key part of a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-led study that found household spread of flu during the second flu season of the COVID-19 pandemic was more than twice as high as it was prior to the pandemic.

The CDC study published Jan. 26 in the Journal of the American Medical Association looked at household flu transmission in the two flu seasons prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021-22 flu season among cohorts in four states, including Wisconsin.

During the 2021-22 season, 50 percent of household contacts of a patient with flu were themselves infected within seven days after the first person became sick, compared with 20 percent of household contacts during two flu seasons before the COVID-19 pandemic. The secondary spread of flu in the household setting estimated during the 2021-22 season was also higher than estimates reported from previous flu household transmission studies.

“This study highlights the need for household measures to prevent flu transmission, and the importance of annual flu vaccination to reduce the risk of flu illness,” said Research Scientist Huong McLean, Ph.D., one of the

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School Board: Six seek four slots on April ballot



BY MIKE WARREN
EDITOR

MARSHFIELD – Voters in the School District of Marshfield will use a Feb. 21 primary election to narrow the list of Board of Education candidates down to four for the spring election on April 4.

The seats currently held by incumbent board members Dan Neve and Mark Konrardy are up for grabs, and both are seeking reelection. Also running are challengers Nicole Forst, Rebecca Oliver, Tara Tremelling and Kat Garrity Vieth.

Nicole Forst

“I have three children in the Marshfield School District right now,” Forst told Hub City Times in a Feb. 7 interview, in response to a question about why she is running. “What I’ve really noticed over the past few years is a lack of transparency between decisions that are being made and teachers being able to teach effectively,” Forst added. “I wanted to get involved because transparency is very important to me. We all need to know what’s going on in our district. When I have to find out at Parent/Teacher Conferences that 4th, 5th and 6th grade no longer get letter grades, that should have come out in advance. Along with that, our taxes went up 22.9 percent,” Forst said. “There was no reason why the district couldn’t have given everybody a heads-up, saying, ‘Hey, your taxes are going up.’ We had to wait until we got our tax bill. That was uncalled for.”

As for what she sees as priorities, Forst says making sure all district policies are up-to-date is at the top of her list. “Also, I’d like to get feedback from teachers. I feel that teachers aren’t speaking up.” Forst has been involved with Marshfield wrestling, the Grant Elementary PTO, Silver Laces skating, Sandlot baseball, youth football and she served on the McMillan town board. She has lived in the School District of Marshfield since 2014.

Mark Konrardy

“Why I decided to run again is because we’ve got a lot of things going, especially on the Tech Ed side with the referendum, so I’d like to see if we can get that through. That’s why I’m running again,” Konrardy told Hub City Times on Feb. 7. “I’m always in hopes that the referendum will pass. And then, working with the administration to get qualified teachers in here and keep the qualified teachers that we do have, so we can continue the excellent education that we’re putting out. Because right now with the staff shortage that there is – and it’s not just the teachers, but it’s the janitors, it’s maintenance, it’s everything – working with them on devising new plans to keep them and to hopefully bring people in, like what we had done with the substitute teachers. We took and made substitute teachers – two of them – full-time each year in the last two years, and we’ve been able to move them into full-time teaching positions, and that’s worked well for us to retain substitute teachers and new teachers.”

Konrardy is a Marshfield native and graduate, worked as a Master Electrician for 23 years, and currently works as Facilities Manager for Gardner Companies in Pittsville, where he is also involved with payroll and insurance. He was first elected to the Board of Education in 2011 and is seeking his fifth three-year term.

Dan Neve

“I’ve worked with the CTE (Career & Technical Education) program for a lot of years in the high school, and the reason I’m running is the same reason I ran three years ago – to make sure that our CTE program continues strong and gets stronger, and that students – when they graduate high school – are career-ready no matter what career path it is they decide to take,” Neve told us, in a Feb. 9 interview. “Also to continue the hopeful growth of the community with the school. I’m a big supporter of the referendum that’s coming up. I want to, hopefully, make sure that that can go through and change the dynamics for students that are learning in Marshfield,” Neve added.

As for his priorities for the district moving forward, Neve said, “I think on the same path that we’ve been going on the last three years, is that we have a very strong administration, and to continue that. Our district is lucky to have the administration that we have. I think that to keep an open mind as to how our times are changing, and how we as a district and a board need to adjust to those changing times, be more inclusive for all and understand that we all have difference of opinions, but we can’t pursue just our personal opinions. We have to think about everybody. And I think then to also be a strong advocate

for the hopeful remodel and addition of the schools.”

Neve also wants to continue building upon the current administrators and teachers currently working within the district.

“We are fortunate to have the instructors and the administration that we have in our district. They give their all every day. We as community members, hopefully we’ll understand all that they do give, and that it’s not an easy job and that we need to understand that they need support from parents and not criticism,” Neve says. “I think that’s probably the biggest thing, is that we’ve got to support our staff and administration instead of criticizing them all the time.”

Neve is a graduate of Pittsville High School and moved into the Marshfield School District 28 years ago. He recently retired from Staab Construction, after a nearly 40-year career in the construction industry.

Rebecca Oliver

“I guess what got me into it (the race) is I think the policies need to be tightened up a little bit,” Oliver told us, during a conversation Feb. 7. “The teachers do not have enough support,” she added. “Some of the policies’ wording is such that they can’t do a lot about problems that are coming in the schools, which is the dress code. It’s pretty broad that the parents and the children get to choose what they want to wear, unless it’s dangerous to somebody, and that’s open to interpretation for a lot of it. I know of an 11-year-old who had to turn his American flag inside out because other kids were complaining about it, and at the same time there’s kids wearing costumes to school because that’s what they want to wear, and it doesn’t go against the policy, so they (teachers) can’t say anything. And I don’t want dress codes per se, but I just think some of the policies can be tightened up in their wording to give the teachers a little bit more support. I talked to a couple of teachers and they said teaching’s just not fun anymore. It used to be fun, but it’s getting more political and I think politics needs to stay out of the school room on both sides, not just on one.”

Oliver, who ran unsuccessfully for the school board a year ago, also cites finances as a concern.

“I just think they need to have some fresh eyes. Most of the people on the board have been in there for quite some time, and I think when you get a new set of eyes looking at things, you get different perspective and different out-of-the-box ideas that you can try. I think it’s a great school system. I think they’ve got excellent teachers, but I think the teachers just need more support.”

Oliver is an Arpin native, but graduated from Marshfield High School.

Tara Tremelling

“In being perfectly honest, I am running because my sister is going to have a baby, and she is the first niece and my parents’ first grandchild, and after we found out, it’s sad to say, but my first thought was, ‘How can we figure out a way to home school her?’ Everything that we’ve been hearing about the schools and how things have gone downhill so drastically, I worried about her having to deal with that,” Tremelling told Hub City Times, during our Feb. 8 interview. “And I have family that I’m very close with that have children in the schools, and they have been sharing stories of things that have been happening to them, and they’re unable to get any answers,” Tremelling added. “Nobody wants to be transparent with them. Nobody ever gets back to them. And, they need somebody who can be a voice, so I want to be that voice for them, so that way they can get what they need and not have to worry about their kids while they’re in school.”

As for her priorities if elected, Tremelling puts transparency at the top of her list.

“A lot of these parents are trying to get information or to know what’s going on in schools,” she said. “They’re reaching out to people at every level and they’re not able to get any clarity on the curriculum, the safety issues, anything that’s really happening. Every decision seems to be something that nobody wants to discuss,” Tremelling added. “These parents, they can’t necessarily be the voice for their own child, so I want to be that voice. I want to be able to provide them the answers that they need to feel safe and comfortable with our school system.”

Tremelling was born and raised in Marshfield, and is a 2003 graduate of Marshfield High School.

Kat Garrity Vieth

“I am running for school board because I want to be of service to our community and to help ensure our students are receiving the quality education they deserve,” Vieth

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included finding things to do to entertain themselves with her siblings and neighborhood friends.

Susan attended the Shady Nook Elementary, Marshfield Middle and High Schools. She received many nicknames including Sue, Skinny, Scrub, and Lovey.

Susan would always greet her family and friends with the biggest smile and warmest hugs. Susan was strong, loving, caring, positive, incredibly brave, affectionate, and honest.

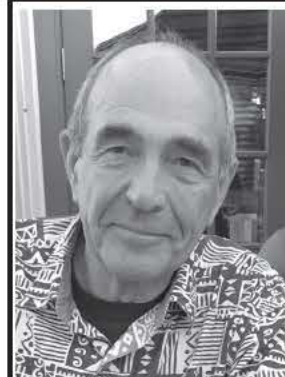
Susan is survived by her loving husband of 55 years Russell. 4 Children: David (Jodi Bushman) Jacoby, Steven Jacoby, Jason Jacoby, and Rebecca "Beckee" (Eric) Trubee.

She is preceded in death by her father Jerome Curtin, Viola and Gust Jacoby, Diane Curtin, Jr. Guldán, Judy Jacoby, Jean and Bill Caspers.

Susan was blessed by the outpouring of unconditional love and support from all during her journey. A special thank you to the family and close friends who took time to care for and visit the last few months.

Susan was the epitome of selflessness until the very end. She was full of life and wanted to be here longer, but accepted the cards she was dealt. Her legacy will live on in our hearts and memories.

Services will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at St. Michael's Catholic Church (11100 Main St, Hewitt, WI 54441) with friends and family gathering at 9:00 a.m. until the time of Mass at 12:00 p.m. Susan will be laid to rest at a later date.



PAUL R. MEIER
Paul R. Meier, M.D., 76, passed away at the Marshfield Medical Center surrounded by family on January 28, 2023.

He was born on April 22, 1946 to Fabian A. Meier and Roberta Maxine Meier. He graduated from La Sierra University in Riverside, California and earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Thereafter, he began his career in Obstetrics and Gynecology, specializing in high-risk pregnancies and births. He practiced at Kaiser Permanente Hospital located in San Diego, CA, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center located in Denver, Colorado, and most recently at the Marshfield Medical Center, where he was affiliated with several hospitals in the Central Wisconsin area.

Paul retired from the practice of medicine in 2012, and then began working alongside his wife Rita as an owner and operator of the Blue Heron BrewPub. Whether Paul was working behind the bar or roaming the floor talking to patrons, he enjoyed serving the Marshfield community and the opportunity to stay in touch with many of his former colleagues, patients and their children.

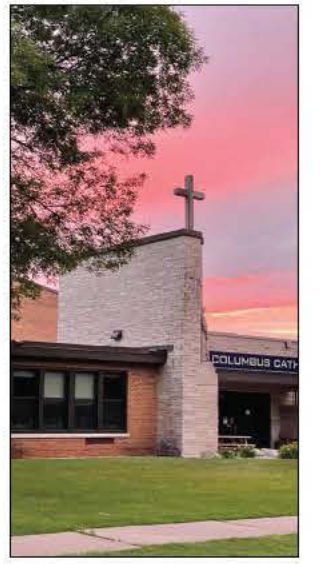
In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of Paul may be made to one of the following charities. Paul was passionate about the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), a publicly funded source of news, education, and entertainment. He was also passionate about Planned Parenthood, supporting women's reproductive health, especially for the underprivileged.

Paul's arrangements are under the care of Life Tributes Funeral Home-Spencer. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.lifetributesfuneralhome.com.

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Andrew Wilkins (left) and Brad Slominski accept the plaque announcing Dental Crafters as MACCI's 2023 Firm of the Year, during the chamber's annual meeting, held Feb. 1 at the Eagles Club. **Kris Leonhardt photo**

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Times' parent company Multi Media Channels, was given the John Christner Historian Award, for her efforts in preserving, documenting and promoting local history. Main Street's Commitment to Hospitality Award went to The Kitchen Table, while The Day Spa Boutique & Merle Norman Cosmetics earned Commitment to Design honors. Ben and Ashley Fredrick were honored with Main Street's Outstanding Residential Renovation Award, for the work they did on a second-story apartment at 331 S. Central Ave. Outstanding Business Renovation honors went to Board & Brush Creative Studio and Off The Mat Yoga. The Marshfield Garden Club was given the organization's Partnership of the Year Award.

Jenna Hanson was also recognized as the outgoing board President, by incoming President Brad Remmen. Gomez also announced that longtime MACCI colleagues Debbie Bauer, Karen Olson and Karen Isaacson will serve as this year's marshals for the annual Holiday Parade held in December.

MACCI, meanwhile, took its turn in handing out some hardware, during the Chamber's 77th annual meeting, held Feb. 1 at the Eagles Club on South Oak Avenue.

Dental Crafters was announced as MACCI's Firm of the Year for 2023. Founded in 1989, the company has grown from 16 employees to 130. Dental Crafters will be honored at a banquet this fall.

Also recognized was Heinzen Printing &

Promotional, introduced as the Chamber's Small Business of the Year for 2023. This locally-owned, family business has been serving the Marshfield community for over 90 years, and in 2022 opened a second location to better serve their customers in south Wood County. Owners Keith and Elena Le Moine and their employees will be honored during a special recognition breakfast this spring.

MACCI's annual Service Award, first initiated by the Small Business Council in 1995 to recognize individuals who have made a positive impact on the Marshfield community through their volunteer efforts and community service activities, went to Rhonda Urlaub. Among many other activities, Urlaub participates in many MACCI and community events and activities, is a board member of Main Street Marshfield, as well as a MACCI "Red Coat" Ambassador.

MACCI's 2023 Leadership Marshfield Alumnus of the Year honor was awarded to Kris Leonhardt, Multi Media Channels Senior Editor. Leonhardt is a 2018 Leadership Marshfield graduate. She is also a member of MACCI's Crystal Apple selection committee, a MACCI Ambassador, volunteers at Howl-oween at Wildwood Zoo each October, serves as a "Big Sister" for Wood County Big Brothers/Big Sisters and is an award-winning advocate for historical preservation in Marshfield.

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told us Feb. 9. "I believe it is of utmost importance to our community to spend the citizen's tax dollars wisely and appropriately," she added.

"I believe there has been a decline in the level of trust in our district by parents due to the lack of transparency many feel they are experiencing from the school board, and those in positions

of leadership in our schools," Vieth continued. "I think we need more open communication between parents and teachers and leaders within our buildings to build back a level of trust."

"I want to be an 'open door' advocate for teachers," Vieth said, as she laid out her priorities. "I believe we have many outstanding teachers with the drive and desire to be the best educators they can be, but they need support from leadership to be able to freely speak up about

concerns they have without fear of retribution," she continued. "I feel teachers should receive the support they need to educate our students in an open collaborate environment in which parents can be actively involved. When the school buildings shut down during the height of COVID, parents were not able to volunteer and be involved in their children's education as they previously had. The parent-teacher-school system collaboration was lost during that time," Vieth

said. "But now it is time to open our schools back up to the previous levels of open communication, collaboration and parent involvement that provided so much enrichment and success for our students and teachers in the past."

All polls on Feb. 21 will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. that evening. Check with your local clerk's office if you are unsure where or how to vote. Remember, you'll be voting for up to two candidates in the Marshfield School Board race.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

"Cuba Libre"



Dear Reader,
Recently I visited Havana, Cuba with a few friends. I traveled there five years ago and was interested in seeing how things had changed. From what I could see, things were not better for the people living there for a number of reasons, starting with the peso's devaluation against the dollar last year.

A peso doesn't buy what it used to, and the people are suffering from the decline. The devaluation resulted in a huge drop in pay for ordinary people trying to get by on an average income of just \$40 to \$60 dollars a month. That's not a typo; that's what an average Cuban makes in a month.

Because Cuba is a communist country, it doesn't matter if you are a highly trained doctor working in a medical center or an unskilled laborer toiling in the tobacco fields. Most of the people - 90% of the population - work for the government, because nearly all employment is regulated and controlled by the state. It's even illegal to go fishing. You get the feeling that the dictatorship would regulate the use of air if they could.

We hired a car and driver who had his own business to help us navigate. He had been a doctor but was unable to prescribe medicine because none was available. The \$60/month he made helping tourists get around was more than he could make as a doctor. Similarly, a woman who had a degree in finance was making \$3/day for cleaning rooms, which was more than she

could get if she had worked in her field.

Cigars were offered by hotels, which were government businesses, at \$60 to \$80 per cigar. That also is not a typo; one cigar costs \$60 to \$80. Obviously the Cuban people can't afford to pay a month's wages for a cigar from their own country, unless they buy it on the black market. But that is a risk that many do not want to take.

I would recommend going there to see how this vibrant culture still flourishes under the thumb of a few selfish authoritarians. The people living there make possessions last for a long time; dishes of paella were creative and delicious; our driver ferried us around in a 1957 Chevy Belair; music groups sang beautiful harmonies; and the jazz and salsa dancing were exceptional. Yes, the Cubans are not free. But they are masters of the workarounds needed to survive and even celebrate life.

I learned two lessons from this trip. First, that a person can make a happy life with whatever one has on a beautiful country island. And second, that we must appreciate the abundance of riches we earn in this beautiful land of opportunity. We must not take our freedom for granted. Not everyone has the opportunity to live with the individual self-determination and personal autonomy that we do.

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The life of Mary Cornelia Upham is closely interwoven with the early history of Marshfield and its continued success.

Mary and her husband, one-time Wisconsin governor William H. Upham, arrived in Marshfield in 1878 and were true pioneers of the community.

Before any doctor had set up a shingle in the town, Mary acted as a doctor and nurse, offering her home remedies to families in need. She was a founding member of the First Presbyterian church in 1879, which ran its first meetings in her home. She also organized a Sunday school in the first school building before any churches were established.

A prominent Marshfield group Mary founded was the Band of Hope, a club

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Marshfield 150 for 150: Mary Upham

for boys ages 12-16 who met socially every week in a building across the street from the Upham home and at one point in the home's basement. Her purpose was to cultivate the good character of these youth and provide wholesome activities such as shows and plays. To both young and old she was affectionately known as "Aunt Mary."

According to newspaper accounts, this club appears to have at some point expanded its outreach to all youth ages 10-18, or even as young as 8, per a 1905 article. These youth made a pledge to abstain from liquor, since temperance was an important value and cause for Mary during a period "when whiskey-swilling pioneers were a frequent sight around town." (*Marshfield News-Herald*, Feb. 8, 1996).

Concerned citizens would write into the *Marshfield*

Times complaining about saloon brawls on Sundays and the lack of enforcement of saloon closing times, which in the early days of Marshfield was 11 p.m. Mary served as state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union from 1898 to 1906.

But the Union's function wasn't just about promoting abstinence from alcohol. The local unit of WCTU, formed in Upham's parlor, took on the responsibility of the city's first public library after John J. Marsh donated 500 books to get it started.

Mary always had an active interest in library work. She would collect books, papers, and magazines for her husband's logging camps and roped in others to expand her efforts to all logging camps in northern Wisconsin. The materials were circulated between the camps, making it an early

version of a circulating library in Wisconsin.

Mary served on the first public library committee in 1881, and later the first library board from 1901-09. Additionally, she was active in maintaining her church's library.

Following the Great Marshfield Fire of June 27, 1887 that nearly wiped out the city and left 300 families homeless, Mary immediately took an active part in the relief committee which operated out of the roller rink on the corner of East Second and Maple. Donations that came in from around the state of food, clothing, and money were dispensed over the next few months to those in need after the fire destroyed their homes and livelihoods.

Besides her great contributions to the city of Marshfield, Mary had an interest in writing poetry and was an avid birdwatcher. Mary passed away at the age of 69 on Nov. 29, 1912.

The accompanying tribute to the memory of Mary C. Upham was written by Lloyd Kenyon Jones of Chicago, who in his youth lived here and belonged to Mrs. Upham's "Band of Hope." The lines were

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FOR HUB CITY TIMES
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for people living in rural communities. The Rural Data Gateway will help USDA better target resources to the people who need them most in rural places. It also will help the Department be a stronger partner to rural people, entrepreneurs, government officials and other stakeholders.

"The Biden-Harris Administration knows that transparency is important for a free government," Torres Small said. "It also drives innovation, accountability, and more equitable outcomes for rural people everywhere."
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written shortly after Mrs. Upham's death and first appeared in the *Marshfield Herald*. Here is an edited version.
 "Mrs. W. H. Upham arose supreme and superior above the mere plane of morality; hers was different from ordinary goodness, or ordinary charity, or ordinary love.
 Others have had compassion, others have loved, others have been considerate. But she understood, and very, very

few ever understand. She understood the frailties of the human kind and had compassion for those who erred. This noblewoman of the Northland had that rarest of all faculties of making her precepts abiding. They settled deep in the minds, hearts, and souls of growing boys and girls, and became stronger and more purposeful when those same boys and girls became men and women. Were we to canvass the years and the days of the past and interview all those who came in contact with her we could not find one

who was not better off for having known her. In all who knew her she touched a responsive chord that caught the vibrant sincerity of her message. And while her day's work is completed, we are glad she lived. We thank her for the privilege of having known and felt the unending blessing of The Woman Who Understood."

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study's authors and the local principal investigator. Potential reasons for the higher levels of household spread of flu during the 2021-22 season compared to previous seasons include: Antibodies against flu may have declined or waned as a result of lower levels of flu circulation in the two years after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Reductions in seasonal flu vaccination among children during the COVID-19 pandemic may have contributed to increased population susceptibility. Social interactions in the United States changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, with people generally spending more time at home, potentially raising the risk of household transmission. All pre-pandemic study participant enrollments were done through Marshfield Clinic Research

institute and Vanderbilt University. MCR's Integrated Research & Development Laboratory performed laboratory testing to identify influenza cases in the pre-pandemic seasons. Joining McLean as authors of the study were Epidemiologist Dr. Ed Belongia, M.D.; and Jennifer Meece, Ph.D., Director of Integrated Research & Development Laboratory and MCR's interim executive director.

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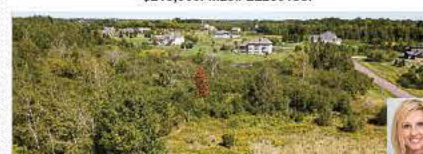

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"We know that there is use in our communities and while we provide treatment, everyone is in a different spot in their recovery," said Sheila Weix, Director of Substance Abuse Services, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. "Some are not ready for change and some will relapse in their recovery process. Having this life saving medication more available will help save lives until individuals are ready for recovery or until they have the tools and resources needed for sustained recovery."

HOPE Consortium initially formed in 2015 to address growing problems associated with opioid misuse in rural, northern Wisconsin. It was expanded in 2017 to include the provision of care for those affected by methamphetamine use. The partnership of organizations represents a collaborative rural model for substance use disorder treatment and recovery support. Those served include adults, and affected family members, with priority for those of childbearing age, who live in Forest, Iron, Oneida, Price, or Vilas counties or the Forest County Potawatomi, Lac du Flambeau Chippewa, or Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal Nations. In 2020, HOPE Consortium expanded to include a central region, consisting of Wood, Clark, Portage and Jackson counties and Ho Chunk Tribal Nation.

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STEVENS POINT -- The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved a number of coaches' recommendations, impacting five fall sports, at its Feb. 1 meeting. The Board approved 10 recommendations that were originated and advanced by the fall coaches' or officials' advisory committees, followed by a review of the executive staff, Sports Advisory Committee and the Advisory Council.

The one volleyball recommendation supported by the Board was an amended coaches' recommendation to add a fifth division to the girls' volleyball tournament series beginning in the fall of 2024. The executive staff has been given clearance to develop and promulgate a five-division model to advance to the Advisory Council and Board of Control for final consideration at its January meeting in 2024.

The lone rule changes in two sports implement a game-ending regulation for significant score differentials. Beginning in 2023, a mandatory running clock will be applied during the 8- and 11-player football regular season and Tournament Series when the point differential reaches 35 points in the second quarter of a game. If a deficit falls below 35 points at any point prior to the start of the fourth quarter, the running clock will be discontinued. If the point differential falls below 35 points in the fourth quarter, the running clock will continue for the remainder of regulation.

In soccer, if the point differential after 60 minutes of play reaches eight or more goals during the regular season or Tournament Series, the game shall be terminated. The score at the time of the stoppage will be recorded as the final score, beginning in the fall of 2023.

The girls golf coaches' recommendation receiving acceptance from the Board splits the Division 2 Tournament Series field into three regionals per sectional. Beginning in the fall of 2023, the top three teams, and the top three individuals who are not members of the team qualifying for sectionals, advance to compete in the sectional meet.

The two tennis recommendations passed by the Board include adding an appointed coaches' association representative to the State Team Tournament Seeding Committee. The representative will cast a tie-breaking vote if necessary. The second approved recommendation moves the starting time of the State Team Tournament on Friday to 3 p.m. or the earliest possible time after 3 p.m.

Four Officials Advisory Committee recommendations were approved, including three in the sport of volleyball. Officials will now be allowed the option to use electronic headsets to communicate during a volleyball match. In addition, volleyball officials may wear any NFHS-approved color of officials' polo shirts, including white, blue or gray, as long as the R1 and R2 match. The third volleyball officials' recommendation approved by the Board, after it was amended, allows the WIAA logo to be placed on officials' uniforms.

The other officials' recommendation clarifies the limited responsibility of volunteer officials in soccer. Volunteers are not authorized to call offsides or fouls during a match.

Other Board action includes authorizing the reinstatement of the Media Advisory Committee, beginning this summer.

HOPE Consortium installs opioid overdose kits in central, northern Wisconsin

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MARSHFIELD -- As the opioid epidemic evolves in Wisconsin, and in an effort to save lives and reduce harm, organizations across the HOPE Consortium service area have partnered with Wisconsin Voices for Recovery to install additional Nalox-ZONE boxes in central and northern Wisconsin.

HOPE Consortium is a collaborative rural model for substance use disorder treatment and recovery support. Participating organizations share resources to support use of evidenced-based practices and a regional recovery-oriented system of care.

The goal of the Nalox-ZONE Program is to increase access to naloxone, also known as Narcan®, by distributing as many Nalox-ZONE boxes as possible across Wisconsin, supporting both safety and harm-reduction efforts to save lives and prevent fatalities due to opioid overdoses. These boxes are currently provided free of charge through Wisconsin Voices for Recovery in Marshfield, Neillsville, Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point, Black River Falls, Eagle River, Minocqua, Rhinelander and Ladysmith.

"We are excited to partner with WI Voices of Recovery," said Danielle Luther, Senior Project Manager, at Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., who facilitates work for the HOPE Consortium. "In August 2021, the first box located in the upper half of Wisconsin was placed in the Wood County Jail lobby. After seeing the success and need, HOPE Consortium partners worked together over the summer of 2022 to find the best locations in their communities."

A Nalox-ZONE box contains doses of naloxone nasal spray, a breathing barrier (for use if CPR is needed), instructions on how to administer naloxone nasal spray (in Spanish and English), and information on local recovery resources. Individuals can take the naloxone from the box for free at these locations.

Participating organizations will receive a notification when the box is opened to ensure the boxes are stocked in a timely manner and to collect data on the number of units of naloxone dispensed at each box site. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, research shows that someone with a substance use disorder who has access to harm-reduction services such as syringe service programs are five times more likely to enter treatment and about three times more likely to stop using drugs than those who do not have access.

"People can and do recover," said Ashley Normington, public health strategist at Wood County Health Department. "Availability to tools that reduce harm and support recovery is the same as access to AEDs and even pharmaceuticals for the management of hypertension or diabetes."

Harm reduction is an approach that emphasizes engaging directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, improve the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of those served, and offer low-threshold options to accessing substance use disorder treatment and other health care services.

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The Rural Data Gateway will highlight places where USDA has expanded access to capital for people in rural communities who need it most. It will demonstrate how Rural Development (RD) funds are being used across rural America. It will help business owners, farmers and ranchers better understand where RD resources have helped to modernize infrastructure and create economic prosperity. It will help rural people see where investments are being made to expand or improve access to health care, high-speed internet, and safe drinking water in their communities, and much more."

The Gateway also showcases USDA Rural Development's investments that have helped rural people lower their energy costs; and buy, repair, build and rent affordable places to call home.

"This is a great tool for folks to see where Rural Development is making investments in Wisconsin," said USDA Rural Development State Director for Wisconsin Julie Lassa. "With nearly seventy different programs to help homeowners, farmers, businesses and communities, this gateway improves transparency while also showing the positive impact we are having across the state. I hope people take this opportunity to check out the Rural Data Gateway and the programs we have to offer."

The Rural Data Gateway includes investment dashboards that show how Rural Development has supported local and regional economies in the last 11 years through 69 programs. The dashboards are easy-to-use tools that highlight critical Rural Development investments for people in rural America, including projects that have helped people in socially vulnerable communities access the resources they need. The data will help users analyze trends across different states, counties, and congressional districts.

The Rural Data Gateway supports USDA's mission to expand public access to Federal government data as required by the Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act of 2018.

For more information, visit Rural Data Gateway | Rural Development (usda.gov).

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, Tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/wi>.

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